

IN THE CLAIMS:

A complete listing of the pending claims of this application, including any amendments made by this paper, follows below:

1. (Currently Amended) A notebook comprising:

a stack of papers;

a pouch having generally the same size and shape in top view as said stack of papers, said pouch including an inner cavity in which loose objects can be stored, said pouch having a first generally flat generally planar panel and a second generally flat generally planar panel oriented generally opposite said first panel with said cavity located therebetween, said pouch having a mouth for accessing the inner cavity;

a binding mechanism binding said stack of papers and said pouch together, wherein at least part of said binding mechanism extends through said stack of papers and said pouch to bind said stack of papers and said pouch; and

a rear cover bound to said stack of papers and said pouch by said binding mechanism, said rear cover having a greater stiffness than a paper of said stack of papers and having a size and shape generally similar to said pouch, wherein said notebook is movable to a closed position such that said stack of papers is located between said pouch and said rear cover and wherein said first panel is located between said second panel and said stack of papers when said notebook is in said closed position, and wherein said mouth is located on said second panel of said pouch such that said mouth can be accessed when said notebook is in said closed position.

2. (Original) The notebook of claim 1 wherein said binding mechanism is a coil or spiral binding mechanism.

3. (Original) The notebook of claim 1 wherein each paper of said stack of papers includes a plurality of printed guidelines located thereon.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously Presented) The notebook of claim 1 wherein said rear cover is bound to said stack of papers and said pouch such that said stack of papers can be located between said pouch and said rear cover.

6. (Original) The notebook of claim 1 wherein said pouch is generally transparent.

7. (Previously Presented) The notebook of claim 1 wherein said first and second panels are joined together at their outer peripheries to form said cavity therebetween.

8. (Original) The notebook of claim 7 wherein at least one of the panels is generally transparent.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Previously Presented) The notebook of claim 1 wherein the pouch includes a closure mechanism for selectively closing and opening the mouth.

11. (Original) The notebook of claim 1 wherein said pouch is generally rectangular in top view and includes a pair of lateral edges and a pair of longitudinal edges, and wherein said pouch is bound to said stack of papers along one of said lateral edges.

12. (Original) The notebook of claim 11 wherein said pouch is generally aligned with said stack of papers such that the longitudinal and lateral edges of said pouch are aligned with a pair of longitudinal edges and a pair of lateral edges, respectively, of the papers.

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42. (Previously Presented) A notebook, comprising:

a) a front cover comprising:

- i) first and second front cover lateral edges,
 - ii) first and second front cover longitudinal edges,
 - iii) an upper layer having a mouth, the mouth being located proximate the first front cover longitudinal edge,
 - iv) a lower layer generally aligned with the upper layer, and
 - v) a first series of openings located proximate the first front cover lateral edge;
- wherein the upper and lower layers are peripherally coupled at the first and second front cover lateral edges and at the first and second front cover longitudinal edges to form an inner cavity between said upper and lower layers;
- b) at least one paper sheet located under the front cover and comprising:
 - i) first and second paper lateral edges, generally aligned with the first and second front cover lateral edges respectively,
 - ii) first and second paper longitudinal edges, generally aligned with the first and second front cover longitudinal edges respectively, and
 - iii) a second series of openings located proximate the first paper lateral edge, the second series of openings extending through the paper sheet and being generally aligned with the first series of openings;
 - c) a rear cover located under the paper sheet, said rear cover having a stiffness greater than said at least one paper sheet and comprising:
 - i) first and second rear cover lateral edges, generally aligned with the first and second paper lateral edges respectively,
 - ii) first and second rear cover longitudinal edges, generally aligned with the first and second paper longitudinal edges respectively, and
 - iii) a third series of openings located proximate the first rear cover lateral edge, the third series of openings extending through the rear cover and being generally aligned with the first and second series of openings; and
 - d) a binding mechanism extending through the generally aligned first, second and third series of openings to pivotally connect together the front cover, paper sheets, and rear cover, wherein said notebook is movable to a closed position such that said at least one paper sheet is located between said front cover and said rear cover and wherein said lower layer is

located between said upper layer and said at least one sheet when said notebook is in said closed position such that said mouth can be accessed when said notebook is in said closed position.

43. (Previously Presented) The notebook of claim 1 wherein said rear cover is generally rectangular in top view.

44. (Previously Presented) The notebook of claim 1 wherein said rear cover has a surface area at least as large as each sheet of said stack of papers.

45. (New) A notebook comprising:
a stack of papers;
a pouch having generally the same size and shape in top view as said stack of papers, said pouch including an inner cavity in which loose objects can be stored, said pouch having a first generally flat generally planar panel and a second generally flat generally planar panel oriented generally opposite said first panel with said cavity located therebetween, said pouch having a mouth for accessing the inner cavity;
a binding mechanism binding said stack of papers and said pouch together, wherein at least part of said binding mechanism extends through said stack of papers and said pouch to bind said stack of papers and said pouch; and
a rear cover bound to said stack of papers and said pouch by said binding mechanism, said rear cover having a greater stiffness than a paper of said stack of papers and having a size and shape generally similar to said pouch, wherein said notebook is movable to a closed position such that said stack of papers is located between said pouch and said rear cover and wherein said first panel is located between said second panel and said stack of papers when said notebook is in said closed position, and wherein said mouth is positioned on said pouch such that said mouth can be accessed when said notebook is in said closed position.

46. (New) The notebook of claim 45 wherein said mouth is generally not located between said first panel and said stack of papers when said notebook is in said closed position.